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Missoula, Dec. 4 -- Plans for the proposed Health Sciences building at Montana State University are in readiness for presentation to the Board of Regents' December meeting and if board action is favorable, the University will start construction of the new five-story building in the spring, working toward a completion date next fall, it was announced here by Dr. H. K. Newburn, president of MSU.

In an architect's rendition, prepared by Witwer and Price of Missoula, the proposed instruction and research center was revealed as a building that will utilize space and structural economies in keeping with modern design but that will blend in appearance with the style of other campus buildings.

No state tax money will be used to erect and equip the Health Sciences building, President Newburn pointed out. The University has received two U. S. Public Health Service grants, totaling \$233,633, for the purpose. The balance of the estimated cost will be raised by a \$1,250,000 bond issue, authorized by the Board of Education last July. The bond issue will be retired by funds from student fees, without cost to Montana taxpayers, he explained.

The Health Sciences building will be situated west of the Chemistry-Pharmacy building, with the main west wall aligned with the Scheuch Planetarium and the other buildings that run parallel to Maurice Ave. Sufficient space will be left between the new building and the Chemistry-Pharmacy building to allow room for construction of an additional, detached unit to meet needs that might develop in the future.

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The structure will be completely modern but will not depart radically from the architectural style of surrounding buildings, according to Witwer and Price. The reinforced concrete frame will be faced with brick to blend with other campus buildings. Masonry partitions will be used inside. The building will measure about 65 feet by 158 feet, with most of the space devoted to laboratories.

The Health Sciences building will house the Department of Microbiology and Public Health and the Stella Duncan Research Laboratory, both directed by Dr. John Munoz; the Department of Zoology, headed by Dr. Philip L. Wright, and the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, directed by Dr. John J. Craighead. The office of Dr. Ludvig G. Browman, adviser to students in the pre-medical sciences, will be located in the building as will an office and a laboratory for a biochemist.

The basement will be used primarily for the Stella Duncan Research Laboratory and for animal rooms. The Zoology Department will occupy the first and second floors and part of the third. The Microbiology Department will be quartered on the fourth and fifth floors and will share part of the third with zoology.

The functional building will contain only three regular classrooms because college instruction in sciences is best carried out in laboratories, according to the chairmen of the departments that will use the building. Laboratories will be provided for instruction and for research conducted by staff members and graduate students.

The building will contain several special-purpose rooms, such as cold rooms and sterile transfer rooms, which are standard equipment for the kind of experimental work that will be done. While the building will incorporate all the features necessary for its function, costs will be held to a minimum, the architects said. For example, pumice block will be used for laboratory walls rather than more costly plaster.

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